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REMARKS

Claims 1-46 are pending in the present patent application. Claims 2-12 and 25-35 are allowed; claims 1, 14, 18, 21, 24, 37 and 41-45 stand rejected; and claims 13, 15-17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 36, 38-40 and 46 stand objected to. By the present Amendment, claims 1, 14, 18, 21, 24, 37 and 41-45 have been canceled. This application now includes claims 2-12, 13, 15-17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25-35, 36, 38-40 and 46.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 2-12 and 25-35.

Claims 13, 15-17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 36, 38-40 and 46 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner has indicated that claims 13, 15-17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 36, 38-40 and 46 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have so amended claims 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 23, 36, 38, 39 and 46, and accordingly believe that claims 13, 15-17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 36, 38-40 and 46 are in condition for allowance in their present amended forms.

Applicants have canceled claims 1, 14, 18, 21, 24, 37 and 41-45 in order to expedite prosecution and to place the present patent application into condition for allowance. Applicants hereby cancel claims 1, 14, 18, 21, 24, 37 and 41-45 without prejudice or disclaimer, and hereby expressly reserve the right to pursue claims 1, 14, 18, 21, 24, 37 and 41-45 in a continuation and/or divisional application.

By virtue of the cancellation of claims 1, 14, 18, 21, 24, 37 and 41-45, the inventorship of the present application has changed. Applicants have submitted contemporaneously herewith a

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Request To Correct Inventorship Under 37 CFR §1.48(b) in order to delete Mr. Michael Anthony Marra III as an inventor in the present patent application.

In consideration of the above, Applicants believe that claims 2-12, 13, 15-17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25-35, 36, 38-40 and 46 are presently in condition for allowance, and thus respectfully request the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance in due course.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicant hereby conditionally petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095,
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Should any question concerning any of the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (317) 894-0801.

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